



**SHORT LIFE ENDS**—Promising career of Louis Kelsey, 14, was prematurely terminated by sudden death last week; and this entire community mourns the loss of a beloved, ambitious youth.

## Louis Kelsey's Sudden Death Mourned by Entire Community

By an odd quirk of fate, the young life of Louis Lindsay Kelsey, 14, was snuffed out last Thursday afternoon following an explosion at the Ford garage of Schultz & Peckham, 1600 Cabrillo ave. The youth, only child of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kelsey, 817 Madrid ave., Torrance, was employed at the garage as a shop boy.

As he stood watching Calvin Allen, shop foreman, solder a gasoline tank, the tank exploded. Louis ran to the street and collapsed. A physician and the pulmotor squad of the Torrance fire department responded immediately to calls, but all efforts to revive the boy failed.

An autopsy, performed by the county coroner, revealed a ruptured kidney and spleen. Hemorrhage (internal hemorrhage) was given as the cause of death.

Neither Allen, who was working on the tank, nor two other men near it when the explosion occurred were injured. The tank had been removed from the car, washed out by steam and a neutralizing solvent, before it was worked upon, according to shop mechanics. The injuries to young Kelsey are believed to have been caused by concussion, as his body bore no marks or bruises.

**Was Ambitious Youth**

Louis was an exceptionally industrious boy, respected and admired by a host of friends in this community, where he had lived all of his short life. Emulating the spirit of Abe Lincoln, he began working at an early age, picking up odd jobs after school and week-ends whenever he could find them. At times his ambition to get ahead even exceeded his youthful capacity for work, and it was not uncommon for his father to "give him a hand" with tasks he had undertaken.

From his earnings, Louis not only provided his spending money, but managed to accumulate a large number of War Bonds. He was well on the way to saving sufficient funds to finance his college education.

Louis Lindsay Kelsey was born in Torrance, June 27, 1929. He attended the first five grades of school at Torrance Elementary, and the last three years at Redondo Central, reaching the 8-A grade.

Besides his parents, he is sur-

**Flower Sales On Saturday Will Aid Blind**

Torrance will be able to perform miracles this Saturday, making the lame "walk" and the blind "see"—by buying flowers on "Brotherhood Day." Boys and girls and adult volunteers will sell flowers for the National Brotherhood of Service, whose fund buys guide dogs, braille books, magazines, and canes for the blind; wheel chairs and false limbs for the disabled; and pays for eye operations and medical or dental care.

Mrs. Elsie Smith, treasurer, asks volunteers to call at 1314 Sartori ave. Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, for flowers and instructions. Theater passes and other prizes will be awarded for record sales.

**War Housing Places Families With Children**

Three families with children were among 18 Torrance newcomers for whom War Housing Center, 1119 Sartori ave., found homes this week. Mrs. Mary S. Day's family, including one child, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Basher and one young Basher will live in new housing developments on 219th st.; and Mr. and Mrs. Oris E. Basher and their two children, on 220th st. Three other two-member family units and two single placements were made. All the family heads and single tenants are defense workers.

Pat MacDonnell, district manager, requests landlords to notify his office of available housing, so that incoming workers in critical industries can find homes without delay.

## Youths In Nearby Areas Seek Aid In Getting Curfew Permits

How can a boy or girl, under 18 years, living in the Los Angeles City shoeing strip or county territory, obtain a permit under the newly enacted Torrance curfew ordinance to remain on the streets here after 10 p.m.?

This was the question posed by Tom Watson, plastering contractor, who lives at 1346 West 225th st., in the L. A. city district adjoining Torrance, before the city council Tuesday evening.

Police Chief John Stroth says he has no authority to issue permits to young people residing outside the city of Torrance.

Complicating matters still more for the boys and girls who wish to attend the movies and other amusements on their "nights out" is the fact that the county curfew ordinance sets a 9 o'clock limit, and the Los Angeles city law permits young people to be out until 9:30 p.m. The Torrance curfew is the most liberal, members of the Youth Commission point out, as it permits young people to be on the streets up to 10 p.m. with-

## Work On Largest Housing Project To Begin Friday

Actual construction will begin tomorrow (Friday) morning on the largest housing project so far allocated to the Torrance area, it was announced today by Robert R. Sprague, operating under the firm name of Southwest Homes.

Escrow for the purchase of 24 acres from the Shoe String

Land Co. was closed yesterday, and all priorities and permits obtained to begin work immediately, Sprague said.

The development will be located along 203rd and 204th sts., and Harvard Blvd., between Western ave. and Denker st., immediately adjacent to the aluminum company's plants, and within easy walking distance of the new synthetic rubber plants, as well as other industries in the Torrance area.

The first unit of the project will embrace 102 frame and stucco buildings of the latest design, and will provide a total of 223 living units, comprising 76 two-bedroom triplexes, 21 single bedroom duplexes and five double duplexes with two bedrooms in each unit. Total cost will approximate \$225,000, estimates Sprague.

Sprague also disclosed that he is planning an addition to the Southwest Homes project, along 205th st., which will bring the total investment to \$1,200,000.

The entire new home district will be attractively landscaped and street paved. Cement sidewalks, curbs and gutters are to be installed.

Last week the Torrance Housing Corp. began work on 138 housing units on lots purchased from J. C. Smith and C. T. Rippey, and located between Normandie and Western aves., north of Carson st.

**Other Housing Planned**

Concessions from the City of Torrance for realignment of building setback lines and assurance of street improvements were sought by builders of two other large housing projects who addressed the city council Tuesday. Approval of these changes are required to meet demands of the F.H.A., the builders reported.

Thrifty Building Service, which is planning construction of 68 two-bedroom units, located on Greenwood, El Dorado, Sonoma, and Hickory sts., informed the council that it would be necessary for the city to assure the F.H.A. that street improvements, outside the area of their project, will be made within a "reasonable time" after the completion of the housing units. Included in the F.H.A. requirements are curbs, sidewalks, gutters and paving. City Engineer Jain reported that the cost of the improvements requested would run from \$5000 to \$7200, depending upon whether one or both sides of the streets were improved.

**Quick Action Needed**

California Builders, Inc., are planning a large housing project along 203rd st. within the City of Torrance, reported that in order to meet F.H.A. requirements the rear and side setback would have to be reduced from five feet to not less than one foot. The proposed reduction of setbacks of sewers are also required, according to advice received by the builders from federal housing officials. The company plans to expend about \$375,000 in its

**Doak Aircraft Will Enlarge Assembly Unit**

Doak Aircraft Co. was granted permission to erect a 60-ft. by 140 ft. extension to its foundry and drop hammer building on Abalone ave. by the Torrance city council Tuesday. The new building will be used to enlarge its assembly department, Nelson Grace, company president, stated. The company agreed to install automatic sprinklers for fire protection as soon as materials are released by the War Production Board.

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The steering committee will hold its first meeting at city hall, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6.

**SHIP SHAPE**—Model "Cruiser Los Angeles" provides a background as Mrs. Dean L. Sears, local Red Cross ambulance driver, greets Ensign Veronica Cowan, one of the Waves who, with Chief Petty Officer Gale DeHart (second from right), accompanied the cruiser to Torrance to stimulate July War Bond sales. Others in the picture are (left) Scout Jack Turner, Yeoman Nancy

## Down the Side to Invasion



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